GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Public Spending on Health
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware that public spending on health in India is the lowest in the world and the health and medical services are becoming costlier, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard through increased funding to improve health related facilities and infrastructure, State/UT-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): As per World Health Statistics 2015 brought out by World Health Organisation (WHO), the General Government expenditure on health as percentage of total expenditure on health in India was 30.5 per cent in 2012 as compared to select developing countries Bangladesh 31.9%, China 56%, Indonesia 39.6%, Philippines 30.4%, Malaysia 55.2% and Sri Lanka 39.1%.

(b): In order to improve the health related facilities and infrastructure in the country, the Government has taken several steps which inter-alia include:

â€¢ Initiatives under National Health Mission (NHM) for providing financial support to States/UTs to strengthen their health systems particularly to cater to the healthcare needs of rural areas, which inter-alia include support for : establishment/up-gradation/ renovation of health infrastructure; engagement of nurses, doctors and specialists on contract basis to meet deficit in human resources in health sector; making available improved health facilities including free essential medicines in all public health facilities; selection and training of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs); Mobile Medical Units and Emergency Referral Transport Services and initiatives like Janani-Shishu Suraksha Karyakram(JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) and Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK).

â€¢ The Government has also taken steps for strengthening district hospitals
and making available tertiary health care services in the public sector through strengthening of hospitals, establishment of AIIMS institutions in the States and up-gradation of existing Government medical colleges across the country.

A statement showing State-wise allocation, under National Health Mission (NHM) for last three years and current year is annexed.